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Great oaks from little acorns grow,

— So the proverb preaches —

Great acorns from little oaklings grow

— So, sometimes teaches —

But Oaks and Acorns alike will grow.

If these two stay upon the mast

A little maiden fair and sweet

—Some one's Christmas treasure—

Has found her way to Santa's heart.

Her heart overflows with pleasure

And lives with happiness aglow.

To see the reindeer on the snow.

Where the Christmas tide is spent,

Home is bright and warm,

Some one soon will miss their scent

In the winter's storm,

And restless glance to find their love

By little footprints in the snow.

Will bring the laughing rover home,

With her pretty playthings laden,

And tell her, "never more to roam

—A wayward little maiden,—

Alone into the forest so,

To play with acorns in the snow."

Annie C. Moore.

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